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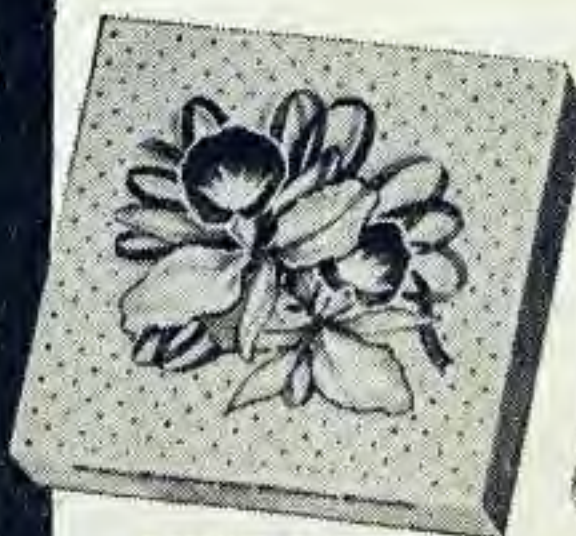
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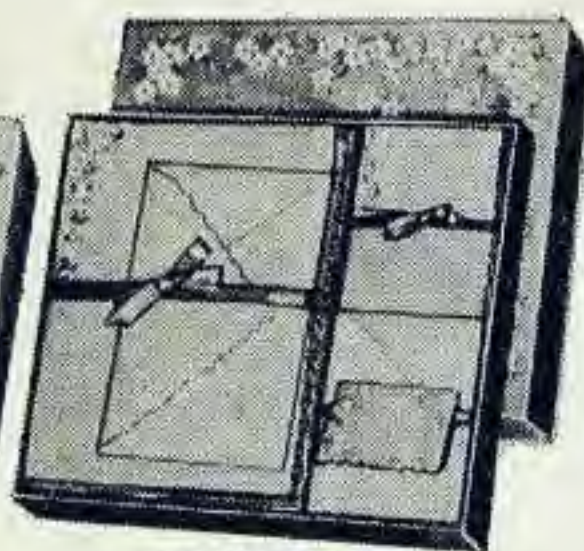
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# The HOODED HORSEMAN



IT STARTED WITH A SHIVER OF TERROR SPREADING LIKE WILDFIRE THROUGH THE WHOLE SOUTHWEST TERRITORY! SETTLERS IN OUTLYING CABINS FLUNG THEIR FAMILIES INTO WAGONS AND RACED FOR THE NEAREST STOCKADES, ABANDONING LIVESTOCK AND CROPS TO THE RED TIDE BENT ON MASSACRE! AND IN ALL THE FEAR-STRUCK TOWNS GRIM MEN WAITED FOR THE HORROR THEY KNEW WAS COMING... THE AWFUL SPECTACLE OF THE FRONTIER ONCE MORE BURSTING INTO FLAME!

THIS WAS A COMMON EVENT IN THE SOUTHWEST DURING THAT TERRIBLE SUMMER OF 1843...



AND IN THE FEW STOCKADES, THIS WAS A COMMON QUESTION...



THE COURAGEOUS SCOUTS WHO PATROLLED THE FRONTIER BROUGHT BACK THE SAME REPORTS...





"MEANWHILE, NOT KNOWIN' A THING ABOUT THESE GOINGS-ON, ME AN' FLASH WERE APPROACHIN' SILVER CITY, NEVADA..."

SHORE WILL BE GLAD TUH SEE **CIVILIZATION** AFTER ALL THESE WEEKS ON THE TRAIL, FLASH! WE KIN BOTH USE A LONG SPELL O' **PEACE AN' QUIET!**



"BUT IN THE TOWN ITSELF, THE STILLNESS STRUCK ME AS MIGHTY PECULIAR..."

WONDER WHY THE STORES IS CLOSED...AN' HOW COME THE HOUSES ARE BOARDED UP THATAWAY? THINGS IS **TOO QUIET!** RECKON WE'D BETTER MOSEY OVER TUH THE SALOON!



"INSTEAD OF A TINKLIN' PIANO AN' HEARTY LAUGHTER, THAR WAS ONLY A HEAVY, BROODIN' SILENCE AN' SULLEN MEN DRINKIN' GRIMLY..."

WHUT'S GOIN' ON, PARDS? JUST COME FROM A FUNERAL?

HOPPIN' HORNED TOADS! IT'S... **THE HOODED HORSEMAN!**



"THE COWPOKES AN' SETTLERS JUMPED TO THEIR FEET REAL QUICK...AN' I THOUGHT I SAW **HOPE FLOODIN' INTO THEIR SET FACES**..."

WHERE YUH BEEN, HORSEMAN? EVERY WADDY IN THE TERRITORY'S BEEN ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YUH!



BEEN UP IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH FLASH, SCOUTIN' OUT FRESH TRAILS! BUT... **WHUT'S UP?**

YUH MEAN YUH DON'T **KNOW?** SIMMERIN' SAGE-BRUSH, HORSEMAN, **CRAZY BEAR'S BUSTED OUTA THE FEDERAL LOCK-UP IN DALLAS...** AND GOT THROUGH TUH THE COMANCHES IN THE BADLANDS!

**JUMPIN' BLUE BLAZES!**



"EVERY HOMBRE IN THE WEST KNEW THE BLOODY HISTORY OF THE GREAT **CRAZY BEAR**...THE ONLY CHIEF WITH ENOUGH PRESTIGE TUH UNITE THE WARRING TRIBES AGAINST THE HATED WHITES..."

THE FRONTIER WARN'T SAFE FER MAN OR BEAST WHILE **CRAZY BEAR** WAS ON THE WARPATH...AN' NOW THAT HE'S BACK THAR'LL BE MASS-ACREES **APLENTY!** HE MUST BE JEST **ITCHIN'** FER REVENGE AFTER 5 Y'ARS IN THE HOOSEGOW!



IT WAS **YOU** WHO CAPTURED **CRAZY BEAR** FIVE YEARS AGO, HORSEMAN, AND AN INJUN **NEVER FORGITS...** 'SPECIALLY **HIM!**

LEMME BE A SPELL, BY MUHSELF, SHERIFF! I KIN USE SOME CHOW...AN' I GOT TUH DO SOME HEAVY **THINKIN'!**





"MUH MIND FLASHED BACK INTUH THE PAST... BACK TUH FIVE YARS BEFORE... TUH THE EXPLOIT WHICH FUST MADE MUH NAME KNOWN EVERYWHAR IN THE WEST..."

WARN'T NO MORE'N A **KID** THEN... IT WAS JEST AFTER I SWORE TUH GIVE MUH LIFE TUH LAW AN' ORDER! RECKON CRAZY BEAR REMEMBERS RIGHT WELL **TOO**...



"I'D HAPPENED AT THE HEIGHT OF THE GREAT CHIEF'S POWER, WHEN ALL THE REDSKIN TRIBES WERE UNDER HIS SOLE COMMAND! I'D TAKEN A VOW NEVER TUH KILL, BUT I WAS SET ON GETTIN' CRAZY BEAR, SOMEHOW... AN' SO DIS-ORGANIZE THE IN-JUNS! I'D STOLEN INTUH HOSTILE TERRITORY AT NIGHT, AN' TRAVELIN' ONLY UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS, I'D MADE MUH WAY TUH A BLUFF OVER-LOOKIN' THE CAMP OF THE CHIEF HIMSELF! DAYS PASSED IN SILENT AN' DANGEROUS OBSERVATION..."

RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! EVERY MORNIN' CRAZY BEAR GOES FOR A SWIM IN THAT MOUNTAIN LAKE... **ALONE**...



"NEXT DAY, JUST BEFORE DAWN, I CREPT STEALTHILY TUH THE WATER'S EDGE, AN' SUNK MUHSELF AMONG THE TALL REEDS, HIDIN' MUH HORSE AN' FLASH NOT FAR AWAY! I WAITED LONG, WET HOURS, UNTIL..."

HE'S COMIN'! MY TIMIN'S GOTTA BE **PERFECT**... OR I'LL BE **BUZZARD BAIT**!



"STEELIN' MUH COURAGE, I TOOK A DEEP GULP OF AIR AN' NOISELESSLY BREAST-STROKED UNDER WATER TOWARDS THE CHIEF... SO AS TUH COME UP **BEHIND** HIM! THEN..."

UGH!

WHAM!



"WITH THE INJUN VILLAGE JEST A STONE'S THROW AWAY, THE FOLLOW-IN' MOMENTS WERE THE MOST TICKLISH IN MUH YOUNG LIFE..."

HE... WEIGHS A **TON**! AN' WITH THAT SKULL MORE LIKE A BUFFALO'S THAN A MAN, THERE'S NO TELLIN' WHEN HE'LL **COME TO**...



"BUT LUCK WAS WITH ME, AND BEFORE CRAZY BEAR REVIVED, THE ROPE AN' GAG I'D HIDDEN IN THE REEDS HAD DONE THEIR WORK..."

MMNNN... MMNNN...

ONE MORE GRUNT OUTA YOU AN' YUH'RE **DEAD**! WE'RE STAYIN' PUT TILL DARK, AN' THEN WE'RE MOVIN' **REAL SLOW** AND CAUTIOUS TUH WHAR THAR'S FEDERAL TROOPS!



"AN' SO IT WAS THAT ONE WEEK LATER I TURNED OVER MUH ENRAGED PRISONER TUH THE ARMY AUTHORITIES..."

YOU'VE DONE **SINGLE-HANDED** WHAT ALL MY TROOPS COULDN'T, HORSE-MAN! WE'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH THE REDSKINS FROM NOW ON!

YOU NO **KEEP** CRAZY BEAR IN JAIL! CRAZY BEAR **ESCAPE**, AND SWEAR BY INDIAN GODS TO **KILL HOODED HORSEMAN... WITH BARE HANDS!**





"MUH LONG REVERIE CAME TUH AN END, AN' I STARTED TOVIN' WITH A DANGEROUS IDEE..."



"SATISFIED THAT MUH PLAN WASN'T COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE, I TOOK THE SHERIFF INTO MUH CONFIDENCE..."



"IT WASN'T EASY FOR ME TUH LEAVE MUH SIDEKICK, BUT THE KNOWLEDGE THAT IT WAS FOR HIS OWN GOOD GAVE ME STRENGTH..."



"ALONE, I RODE TOWARD THE WILD INJUN COUNTRY! ALL ALONG THE WAY WERE BURNED-OUT FARMHOUSES, ABANDONED PROPERTY... AN' SILENCE! DAYS LATER..."



"SPURRIN' MUH HORSE, I GALLOPED TOWARDS THE DISTANT MOUNTAINS... MAKIN' SURE TUH RAISE A CLOUD OF DUST! THEN I SAW 'EM, THE PAINT-ED WAR PARTY, SWOOPIN' DOWN..."



"THE FLAG BROUGHT THE SCREAMIN' REDSKINS TUH A NERVOUS HALT, AN' WHEN I ANNOUNCED MUH NAME..."

**YOU... HOODED HORSEMAN?**  
CRAZY HORSE COMMAND NO BRAVE HARM YOU! HE SWEAR KILL YOU WITH OWN HANDS!  
**YOU COME!**



"ON THE WAY TUH THE CHIEF'S STRONGHOLD WE PASSED MANY VILLAGES, AN' EVERYWHAR MUH NAME SENT MORE BRAVES LEAPIN' TUH HORSEBACK... JUST ITCHIN' TUH SEE THE COMIN' FIGHT! IT WAS A HUGE PARTY WHICH ENTERED THE COMANCHE CAMP..."



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"TUH ME IT SEEMED THAT CRAZY BEAR HAD GROWN EVEN BIGGER, MORE SAVAGE! THE COMANCHE CHIEF'S EYES LOOKED LIKE A RATTLER'S, AN' HIS WORDS WERE A SNARL..."

THE GODS HAVE HEARD MY VOW, WHITE MAN! DAWN SHALL WITNESS OUR COMBAT... TO THE DEATH! LET ALL MY BRAVES BE GATHERED IN RED SAUCER CANYON AT DAYBREAK... TO SEE THEIR CHIEF DESTROY HIS SWORN ENEMY!



"THAT NIGHT IN THE INJUN CAMP THAR WAS A TREMENDOUS WAR DANCE, WITH THOUSANDS O' BRAVES WHIPPIN' THEMSELVES INTUH A FRENZY! I LISTENED TUH THEIR WILD HOLLERIN' IN THE TENT RESERVED FOR ME, ALONE AND KINDA DOWN AT THE MOUTH..."

MEBBE I WAS LOCO TUH TRY THIS! I KIN HOLD MUH OWN AGIN A NORMAL MAN, BUT CRAZY BEAR'S A MONSTER! BUT I GOT TUH GIVE IT A TRY... SEEIN' AS IT'S THE ONLY HOPE O' STOPPIN' WIMMEN AN' KIDS FROM GITTIN' THEIR HA'R LIFTED! TARNATION, SHORE WISH I COULD SEE OL' FLASH AGIN!



"I HAD NO WAY OF KNOWIN' THAT SCANT HOURS BEFORE, IN SILVER CITY, THE SHERIFF HAD BECOME MIGHTY WORRIED..."

THE PORE CRITTUR'S BEEN PININ' FIT TUH DIE SINCE THE HORSEMAN LEFT! BUT MEbbe IT'S THIS LEASH THAT'S BOTHERIN' HIM... BEIN' SUCH A WILD CUSS HE AIN'T USED TO IT!



"NO SOONER WAS FLASH FREE OF THE LEASH THAN..."

JUMPIN' JIMINY... HE'S GONE LOCO!

CRASH!



COME BACK, BOY! BACK!



"ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN FLASH PAUSED JEST LONG ENOUGH TUH PICK UP THE TRAIL! THEN, RUNNING LIKE THE WIND, HE FLASHED OUT TOWARDS INJUN COUNTRY!"



"LIKE AN ARROW, THE DOG'S WEIRD INSTINCTS BORE HIM STRAIGHT TUH HIS DESTINATION! BELOW WERE THE SHRIEKIN' REDSKINS, AN' HERE HIS ALMOST HUMAN INTELLIGENCE CAME INTUH PLAY! HE WAS ALL CAUTION NOW, SNIFFIN' THE WIND FOR THE FAMILIAR SCENT..."

EE-YAA! EE-YAA!

SNIFF SNIFF!



"SLOWLY, VERY SLOWLY, MUH WILY HOUND SLITHERED TOWARDS HIS LONG TIME PARD, HIS KEEN NOSE AS TRUE AS A COMPASS..."









"AND THEN, THE TIDE OF BATTLE TURNED! ARM WEARY, CRAZY BEAR RELAXED FOR A SECOND---JEST LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TUH CRASH OVER A PULVERIZIN' BLOW TO THE SOLAR PLEXUS---"



"AS SOON AS I SAW MUH OPENIN' MUH FISTS STARTED BEATIN' A DEADLY TATTOO---UNTIL, A HAYMAKER!"



"THE CHIEF WAS PLAIN LOCO NOW, AN' FORGETTIN' HIS VOINS OF HONOR HE GRABBED A LOOSE TOMAHAWK! THEN, TUH THE HORROR OF EVEN HIS OWN FOLLOWERS---HE ATTACKED LIKE AN INSANE BULL!"



"HIS ENORMOUS BULK SPILLED ME RIGHT OVER---AN' I SAW THE DEADLY TOMAHAWK GLINT IN THE SUN---"



"SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A BLACK STREAK AN' 60 POUNDS OF CANINE FIGHTIN' FURY!"



"AN' NEXT MOMENT---THE U.S. CAVALRY, WHO HAD MOVED INTUH POSITION WHILE THE INJUNS WERE ABSORBED IN THE STRUGGLE---"



"WAL, THE MOP-UP WAS EASY! SOON AFTERWARDS---IN THE MILITARY STOCKADE---"



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# COOK'S ASSISTANT

**"PLEASE**, miss, do you—do you have any sort of job I could do around your ranch?"

Patricia Brent, owner of the Bar Z spread, glanced at the applicant, annoyed. This was no typical Texas wrangler—far from it. Thin, pale, weak-looking—obviously an easterner. She was about to dismiss him with a curt refusal, but the mute appeal in his eyes stopped her. "Cook needs an assistant," she retorted shortly. "Tell him he's to take you on!"

Gary Simmons—that was the tenderfoot's name—found life no bed of roses at the Bar Z. Pete, the cook, sized him up as one hombre he could lick—and made his life miserable from the start. He bullied the newcomer within an inch of his harassed life and worked him ragged. And there was no trick too mean for him to play on poor Gary. Like: "Go down to the foreman an' tell him to give you the ranch warmer!" Timidly, Gary made the request of Tex Lambert, the brawny and evil-tempered ranch superintendent. "Sure," sneered Tex. "Come jist a little closer, huh?" Gary did so—and then hit the ground as the big man sent over a sudden left that sent the tenderfoot flying. "Warm enough fer yuh?"

Patricia Brent came upon the scene. Tex received such a tongue-lashing as he'd never had, and Patricia turned to help Gary to his feet. There was pity in her eyes, in her voice.

But Gary paid bitterly for her sympathy. For now Tex Lambert hated him, and added the burden of his persecution to that of Pete, the cook. Life was a nightmare for him—he wasn't even allowed a moment for himself. When the long hours of his regular day were over, he was put to work chopping wood. How he ever stood it, nobody will ever know. But gradually—so gradually that it went unnoticed—a change was taking place in

him. Constant exercise and the healthful, bracing air of the southwest were filling out his frame, adding to his muscles. But nobody knew *that*—not until the day when Pete the cook topped off a day of merciless nagging with a back-handed slap at his assistant. Slowly Gary rose, his face set grimly. "That's all," he said. "It's the finish. I've had it!" Pete felt himself jerked off his feet—and the next moment, he was deposited over Gary's knee—receiving an undignified spanking that left him black-and-blue and chastened for months. His howls brought the cowpokes on the run. Leading them was Tex. "Trouble-maker, eh?" he sneered. "I been waitin' fer a chance tuh give yuh the *full* treatment!" His fist flashed through the air—but Gary wasn't there.

The Bar Z cowpunchers are still talking about the strange miracle that came to pass on that momentous day. Tex Lambert was a renowned fighting man, one of the toughest hombres of the west—but what had happened to the weak tenderfoot that everybody picked on? This was a buzzsaw, a cyclone, a fighting fool! He was driving in with savvy, making every punch count. *Thud—thud—thud!* Coolly he took the measure of the staggering giant—and then came that final flashing piledriver that stretched Lambert on the ground unconscious!

Patricia had come out in time to see the conclusion of the contest, and later, Gary confessed to her that he'd been a renowned college boxer, until illness had laid him low, and forced him to come west to restore his shattered health. It was clear that he was in the pink now—and there was a foreman's job open, since Tex Lambert didn't dare stay on the same spread with his conqueror. So that's the way it was—and you know how often, in western stories, the new foreman gets to marry the girl ranch owner!



# FLASH

## THE WONDER DOG

TO THE WESTERN OUTLAW OF 100 YEARS AGO, THE HOODED HORSEMAN'S NAME CAUSED A SHUDDER OF FEAR! BUT IT WAS MORE THAN HIS DEADLY SIX-GUNS AND BRUISING FISTS THEY SHIED FROM--- AND THAT SOMETHING WAS A BLAZING BUNDLE OF CANINE CUNNING AND FLURY CALLED FLASH! SOME SAID THE DOG HAD AN ALMOST HUMAN BRAIN, AND DEEDS LIKE THE FOLLOWING WENT FAR TO SPREAD THE TALE!

ARF!  
ARF!

YOU'RE FLASH-- AND ORDINARILY YOU'RE ALL ALERTNESS! BUT RIGHT NOW YOU'RE STANDING IN ROOTED HORROR AS YOUR BELOVED MASTER GOES CAREENING TO ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH DOWN THE STEEP HILLSIDE! A MOMENT BEFORE EVERYTHING WAS NORMAL, BUT ONE SLIP OF THE HORSE'S FOOT IN THE TREACHEROUS GRAVEL, AND--



IT DIDN'T SEEM POSSIBLE FOR ANYTHING TO BREAK THAT HEADLONG FALL, FOR NOT EVEN YOU KNEW JUST HOW QUICK AND TRUE THE HOODED HORSEMAN'S REFLEXES WERE! A FEW CLUMPS OF SCRUB FOLIAGE, AND--

FLASH!  
HELP ME!

ARF!





IN AN INSTANT YOU'RE AT HIS SIDE--  
YOU SEE THE AWFUL PAIN IN HIS  
FACE--HEAR THE QUAVERING OF  
HIS VOICE--

MUH--MUH LEG'S BROKEN,  
BOY! CAIN'T--MOVE! GIT  
HELP, FLASH--QUICK! THE  
SUN'LL BE GITTIN' HOT AFORE  
LONG--ENOUGH TUH ROAST  
ME LIKE A CHICKEN!  
GO ON, PAL--GO!



YOU UNDERSTAND WELL ENOUGH  
--IT'S YOUR TASK TO BRING A  
HUMAN BACK! BUT WHERE ARE  
THEY TO BE FOUND IN THESE  
GREAT OPEN STRETCHES?  
SUDDENLY, YOU SPOT THAT TALL  
HILL, AND YOU GET AN IDEA--



SLOWLY, YOUR KEEN EYES  
SCAN THE SEEMINGLY LIMIT-  
LESS HORIZONS--AND YOU  
SPOT A THIN COLUMN OF  
SMOKE, A CHIMNEY OR,  
CAMPFIRE FOR SURE!



A CYCLONE NEVER MOVED ANY FASTER  
THAN YOUR LEGS DID THAT DAY--BUT  
IN YOUR EXCITEMENT YOU KICKED UP A  
BIT TOO MUCH OF A FUSS!



ARF!  
YIP!  
YIP!

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STEERS SURE,  
AS SHOOTIN'!

THAR'S  
YORE  
RIFLE,  
JESSE!  
SHOOT  
THE  
CRITTUR!

YOU  
NEVER  
EXPECTED  
TO BE  
STARING  
DOWN  
A GUN  
BARREL  
WHEN  
YOU  
REACHED  
THAT  
FARMYARD!  
YOU  
HAD NO  
CHOICE  
NOW  
BUT  
TO--



GARRRG!

WHAT  
THE--!  
GIT 'IM  
OFF!  
EEYAA!

YOU DON'T HURT THE MAN, JUST KNOCK THE  
GUN OUT OF HIS HANDS! YOU TRY TO SHOW  
HIM THAT YOU WANT HIM TO FOLLOW BY TOSS-  
ING YOUR HEAD, BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM TO  
HAVE AS MUCH SENSE AS YOU'VE GOT!



HE--HE KEEPS  
BARKIN' AN'  
TOSSIN' HIS  
HAID. WONDER  
WHY?

'CAUSE HE'S LOCO,  
THAT'S WHY! I'M  
A-GOIN' TUH GIT MUH  
PISTOL FROM THE  
HOUSE!

THE SITUATION IS DESPERATE! YOU CAN'T COVER  
BOTH OF THEM! FOR A MOMENT THERE'S A  
FLICKER OF HOPE---

I AIN'T SO SURE,  
CLARABELLE! LOOKS  
TUH ME LIKE THE  
HOUND'S TRYIN' TUH  
TELL US  
SOMETHIN'!

HE'S JUST CRAZY WITH  
THE HEAT! KEEP HIM  
OCCUPIED, JESSE---  
I'LL GIT MUH GUN  
IN A JIFFY!





**S**HE HAS DISAPPEARED INTO THE HOUSE--AND YOU KNOW YOU'VE GOT TO GET AWAY! BUT YOU DON'T DARE, FOR YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THERE MAY BE OTHER HUMANS--AND YOUR MASTER NEEDS THEM! SUDDENLY, YOUR EYE FALLS ON THAT CLOTHESLINE--AND AN IDEA TAKES ROOT!



YOU'RE NOT WORRYING ABOUT HER WILD SHOTS--BUT YOU ARE SCARED OF THE MAN'S RIFLE, YOU PUT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT INTO EXTRA SPEED.

HE'S GETTIN' AWAY! AFTER HIM, JESSE-- GIT ON YORE HORSE!

GUESS THE HOUND IS LOCO--WHUT'S HE WANT WITH A CLOTHESLINE?

BANG! BANG!



HE'S COME AFTER YOU, AS YOU'D HOPED--BUT THAT RIFLE OF HIS MAY DESTROY YOUR PLANS YET! YOU'VE GOT TO FLY...



WHEN YOU REACH THE SPOT WHERE THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED YOU KNOW YOU'VE DONE YOUR JOB! BUT WHAT OF HIM? THERE'S A PULL OF FEAR AT YOUR HEART AS YOU SEE HOW STILL AND PALE HE IS--AND DESPERATELY YOU LISTEN FOR THE HOOVES OF THE APPROACHING HORSE!

GOT YUH CORNERED, YUH CRAZY MONGREL, AN'--HOPPIN' HORNED TOADS! THAR'S A MAN THAR!



JUMPIN' JIMINY---IT'S THE HOODED HORSEMAN! SO YOU MUST BE FLASH! GOT TUH GIT 'IM BACK TUH THE HOUSE FAST, BOY-- HE NEEDS DOCTORIN'!



WEEKS LATER---

YUH'LL BE LEAVIN' US SOON, HORSEMAN--AN' WE WAS A-WONDERIN' IF YUH COULD TELL US WHAR WE COULD GIT A DOG LIKE FLASH! CLARABELLE AN' ME'S GROWN POWERFUL PARTIAL TUH TH' HOUND!

WISH I COULD HELP YUH OUT, JESSE--BUT WHEN THE GOOD LORD MADE FLASH HE MUST'VE THROWN AWAY THE MOLD!





# PERILS of the OLD WEST

**T**HE OLD WEST HAS VANISHED, GIVING WAY TO PAVED ROADS AND SLEEK SEDANS! BUT ONLY YESTERDAY IT HELD FORTH... SAVAGE, CRUEL AND RELENTLESS! AND MANY WERE THE DEADLY DANGERS OF THE BLAZING FRONTIER... THESE, FOR EXAMPLE!

**P**ERIL LURKED EVERYWHERE FOR THE DARING PIONEERS OF THE WEST... OVERHEAD... AND UNDERFOOT! FOR THERE THE VENOMOUS RATTLER PROWLED... FANGED DEATH FOR THE UNWARY!



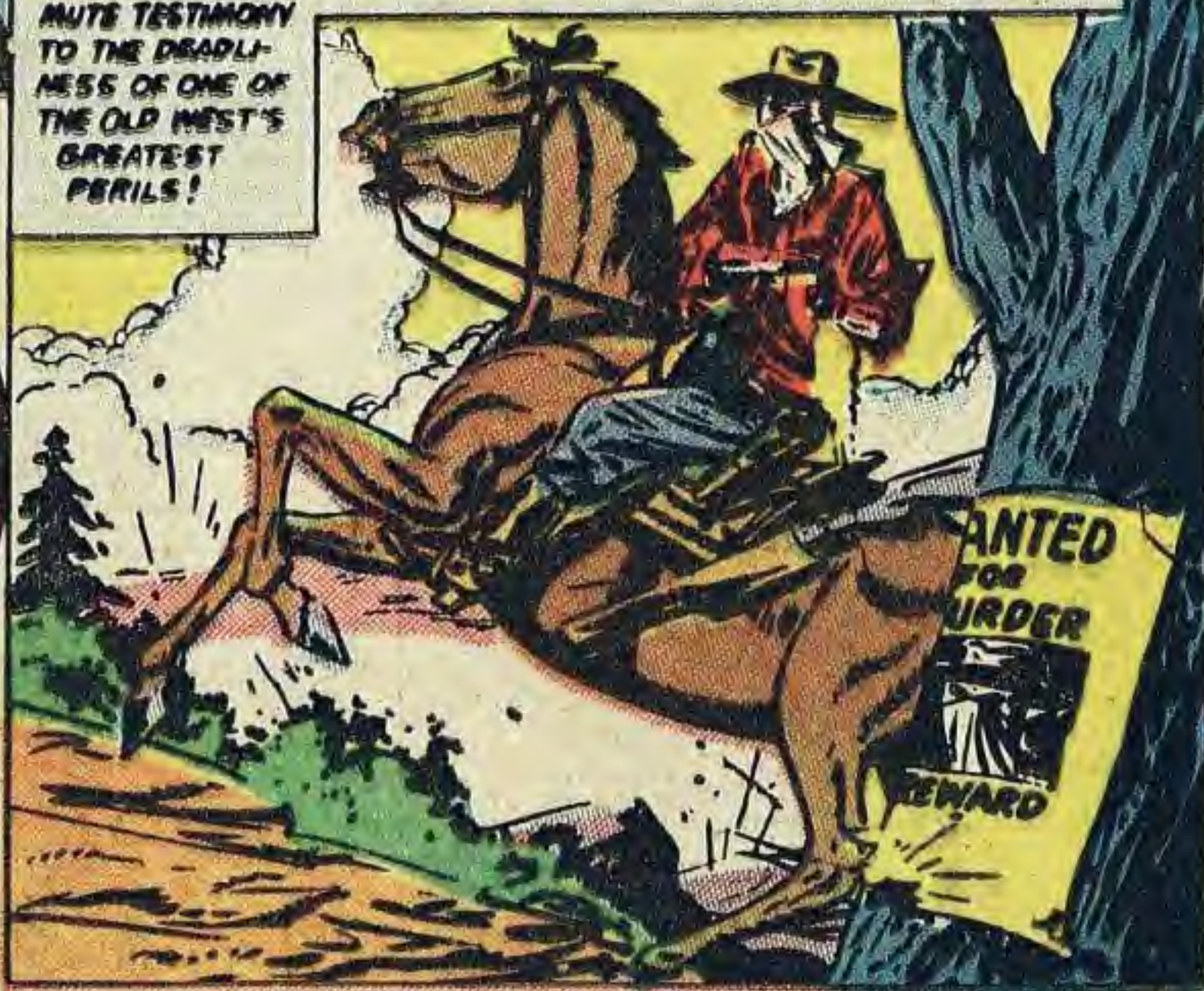
**B**UT THERE WAS MENACE IN HUMAN FORM, TOO... THE SAVAGE REDSKIN ON THE WARPATH! INPLACABLE FOE OF ALL "PALEFACES," HE ASKED NO QUARTER, GAVE NONE... IN A GRIM FIGHT TO THE FINISH!



**T**HE OLD COWTOWNS KNEW THEIR DANGERS, TOO, EVEN IF OF ANOTHER KIND! THE CROOKED GAMBLER WITH HIS MARKED CARDS, FIXED ROULETTE AND FARO SETUPS... SOWING RUIN AND DESPAIR IN HIS WAKE!



**T**HERE'S THE LAST... BUT BY NO MEANS THE LEAST! THE BADMAN... FOOT-RIDING, HARD-FIGHTING, QUICK ON THE TRIGGER AND MURDEROUS! HIS COUNTLESS VICTIMS LIE BURIED IN "BOOT HILLS" EVERYWHERE... MUTE TESTIMONY TO THE DEADLINESS OF ONE OF THE OLD WEST'S GREATEST PERILS!



**A**ND HERE WAS ANOTHER GREAT PERIL, LONG THE GAMBLER'S STANDBY! THE DERRINGER... THAT SMALL AND FATAL HIDEAWAY GUN THAT BROUGHT QUICK DEATH IN COUNTLESS SNEAK ATTACKS!





THE TWO-FISTED, GUN-SLINGING EXPLOITS OF THE WYOMING WADDY, JOE KING, ARE NOW LEGENDARY! HOW HE WON A GREAT EMPIRE IN FABULOUS INDIA HAS ALREADY BEEN TOLD! BUT IN THE PROCESS HE MADE POWERFUL ENEMIES-- AND AMONG THEM, THE BEAUTIFUL AND SINISTER **QUEEN RANI THE CRUEL**, WHO'D VOWED TO DESTROY HIM! THERE'S A RIP-ROARING DOSE OF BLAZING ACTION COMING YOUR WAY, AS WE JOURNEY TO MYSTERIOUS INDIA, AND THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF...

# COWBOY SAHIB!



IN THE GORGEOUS PALACE OF JOE KING, AMERICAN RULER OF THE INDIAN EMPIRE OF LARIJUNA...

BUT YOU MUST HEED MY WARNING, COWBOY SAHIB! **RANI THE CRUEL** IS NOT ONE TO FORGET THE HUMILIATION OF DEFEAT AT YOUR HANDS! SHE WILL **STRIKE BACK!**

SHUCKS, KRISHNA, THAR'S **NOTHIN' TUN WORRY ABOUT!**



SHE AIN'T THE FIRST FILLY I'VE PUT IN HER PLACE, AND HER BEIN' A QUEEN DON'T MAKE IT NO DIFFERENT! NOW BE A GOOD FELLA AN' HAVE THE KITCHEN SEND UP A MAN-SIZE STEAK!

AS YOU *WISH*, MY RULER!





MEANWHILE, IN NEIGHBORING SANKARA, EMPIRE OF THE REIGNING **QUEEN RANI THE CRUEL** --



EVEN AS THE QUEEN SPOKE, HER TWO SPIES PLANTED IN COWBOY SAHIB'S COURT PREPARED TO ACT...





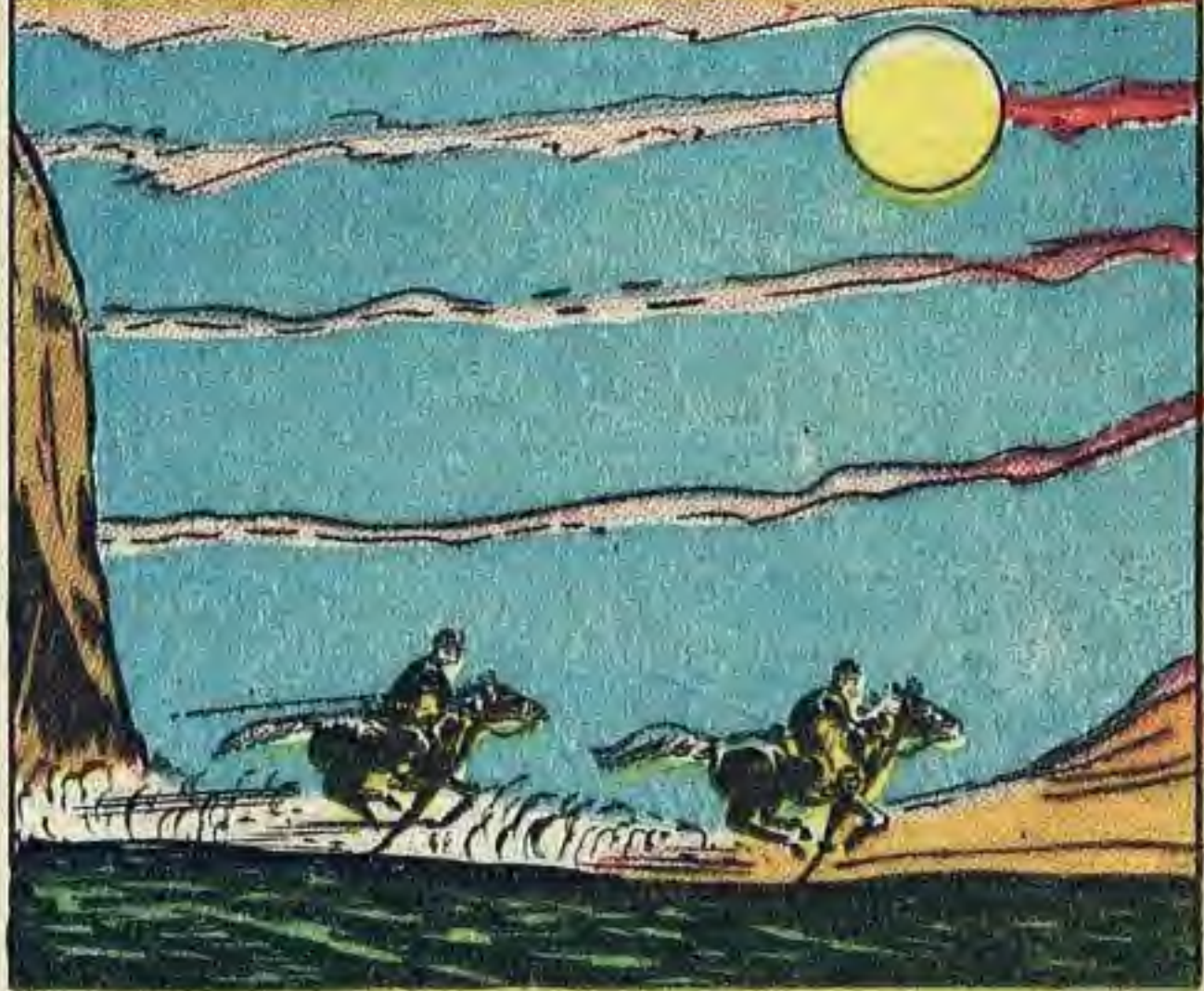
MINUTES LATER, AT THE PALACE GATES...

BY YOUR PERMISSION,  
THE RUG REPAIRERS, **RASU**  
AND **KATHAR**, HAVING  
FINISHED THEIR BUSINESS,  
ARE READY TO LEAVE!

PASS!



THEN, AT A FURIOUS GALLOP, THE SPIES THUNDERED  
OFF ACROSS THE ENDLESS PLAINS THAT ROLLED TO-  
WARDS THE BORDER OF SAVAGE SANKARA...



NEXT MORNING, WHEN THE RUG WAS UNROLLED  
AT RANI'S FEET...

DOES THIS  
PLEASE  
YOUR  
HIGHNESS?

GREATLY! NOW LEAVE  
ME ALONE WITH HIM!  
GO... ALL OF YOU!



SLOWLY THE LEADEN-FILLED MOMENTS DRAGGED  
BY, AND CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNED TO COWBOY  
SAHIB...

WH--WHAR  
AM I?

IN MY POWER, PROUD  
ONE! AND YOU'LL PAY  
WITH YOUR LIFE FOR THE  
HUMILIATION I SUFFERED  
AT YOUR HANDS!



SEE MY LITTLE PETS--  
SLAVERING FOR PREY?  
CRY OUT, COWBOY  
SAHIB--BEG FOR  
MERCY!



THE RAVENOUS BEASTS DREW CLOSE, CLOSER, AND  
THEN--UNEXPECTEDLY--

NO--WAIT!  
BACK, HARUNI!  
--BACK!







I-I GET IT! YUH'RE FIGURIN' ON **PROLONGIN'** THE AGONY-- TUH MAKE ME SUFFER **MORE!**

THE FOOL DOESN'T REALIZE THAT I **LOVE** HIM-- THAT I COULDN'T **BEAR** TO WATCH HIM DIE! RANI HAS BECOME A **WEAKLING!**



**YES, COWBOY SAHIB--** YOU ARE **RIGHT!** I'LL LET YOU WONDER **WHEN** DEATH SHALL COME! MEANWHILE YOU WILL AMUSE ME IN A CONTEST OF SPORTS WITH MY PICKED GUARDS!

YUH'RE RIDIN' FOR A FALL, GAL-- **MARK MUH WORDS!**



THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE CONTESTS WERE UNDER WAY...

**NOT BAD!** ONLY IT'S KINDA SLOW AND STIFF!

**BIAM! CRACK!**



**CONCEITED OAF!** HERE ARE YOUR **GUNS**, BUT REMEMBER-- TRY ANYTHING AND MY GUARDS WILL KILL YOU ON THE SPOT!

YOU'VE GOT THE WORD OF A WYOMIN' COWBOY, AN' THAR'S NONE BETTER!



**BRAM!**

**BLAM!**

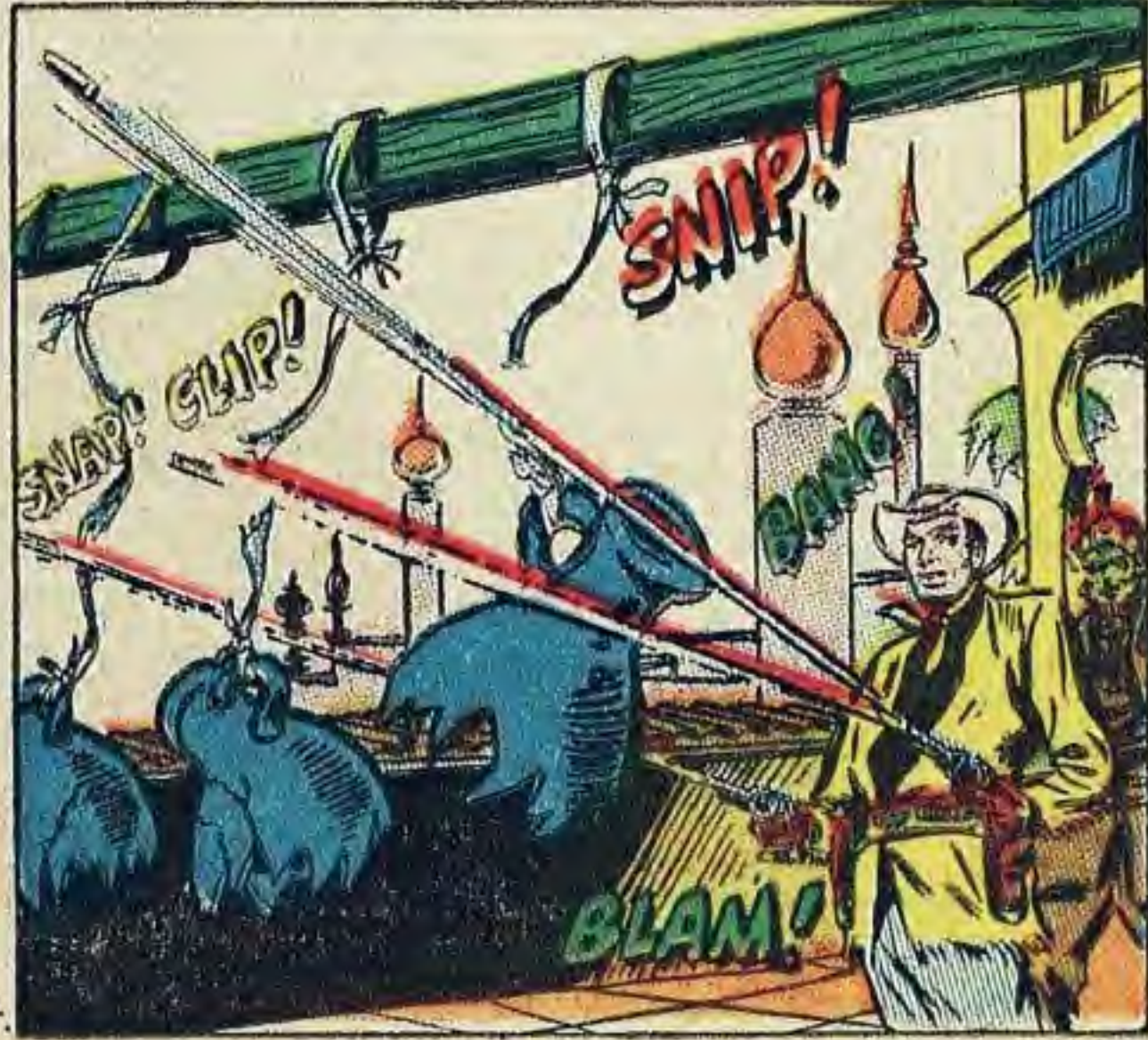
**CRACK!**

**CRASH!**



THE FOOL WAS **LUCKY**, GREAT RANI! NOTHING ELSE!

SHUCKS, FELLA, IT **WEREN'T** LUCK... **LOOK!**



**SNIP! CLIP!**

**SNIP!**

**BANG!**

**BLAM!**

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LATER, BACK INSIDE RANI'S THRONE ROOM...

LEAVE US! I  
WOULD SPEAK ALONE  
WITH THE PRISONER!

AS YOU  
SAY, OUR  
QUEEN!

THERE WAS A LONG SILENCE, AND THEN  
HER WORDS CAME...SLOWLY...FALTERINGLY...

I-I MUST BE **HONEST**  
WITH YOU, COWBOY SAHIB!  
YOU HAVE WON MY HEART--  
AND AGAIN I OFFER YOU  
MY HAND AND MY KINGDOM!  
I BEG YOU--**DO NOT**  
**REFUSE!**

AN' IF I  
**DO--**  
YOU'LL  
**KILL**  
**ME!**

I GUESS YUH AIN'T LEARNED YET THAT I  
DON'T LIKE **THREATS!** YUH'D HAVE TUH  
CHANGE YORE WAYS **PLENTY--** BEFORE  
I'D EVEN MULL OVER YORE  
PROPOSITION!

I-I SEE!  
IN OTHER  
WORDS--  
YOU **DO**  
**REFUSE!**

TOO LONG HAVE I DALLIED  
WITH YOU! NOW YOU SHALL  
LEARN WHY IT IS I AM  
CALLED **RANI THE CRUEL!**

YUH'RE MIGHTY  
PRETTY WHEN  
YUH'RE RILED,  
GAL--BUT THE  
ANSWER'S STILL  
**NO!**

AT THAT MOMENT--

YOUR HIGHNESS, OUR  
BORDERS HAVE BEEN  
CROSSED BY **GENGHIS**  
**CHU** AND HIS MURDEROUS  
HORDE! THEIR NUMBERS  
ARE LIKE THE LOCUSTS!

**HOPPIN' HORNED**  
**TOADS!** THAT  
POSES A THREAT  
TO MY SPREAD--  
**LARIJUNA!**

LISTEN TUH ME, RANI--AND LISTEN  
**CLOSE!** YOU'VE SAID A LOT ABOUT OUR  
JOININ' FORCES! WELL, HERE'S THE TIME  
TO ACT! THIS GENGHIS CHU FELLA IS  
OUT TO POCKET YOUR COUNTRY AND  
LARIJUNA! SUPPOSE WE MAKE 'IM  
CHANGE HIS MIND!

BUT **HOW?**  
I--I--**ALL RIGHT!**  
ALL AUTHORITY  
IS YOURS!



SWIFTLY, WHILE COWBOY SAHIB SUMMONED HIS TROOPS FROM LARIJUNA, THE FEARSOME GENGHIS CHU MOVED RELENTLESSLY FORWARD...

THE SANKARANS FLEE LIKE RABBITS, GREAT ONE!

IT WILL AVAIL THEM LITTLE! COME--  
**FORWARD!**



DEPLOYED IN THE HIGH GRASS ALONG THE EDGES OF THE PLAIN, COWBOY SAHIB AND HIS TROOPS PATIENTLY WAITED...

THEY ARE ALMOST UPON US, SAHIB!

I RECKON SO, SURI! PASS THE WORD DOWN THE LINE!  
**FIRE AT WILL!**



IN A THUNDEROUS BLAST, COUNTLESS RIFLES SHATTERED THE SILENCE WITH SLAMMING FURY...

THEY ARE MAKING A STAND, MASTER!

SOUND THE ATTACK! SO THE FOOLS WOULD RESIST, EH?



THE OPPOSING FORCES GALLOPED LIKE THUNDER ON-TO THE FIELD--AND A RAGING BATTLE COMMENCED, WITH COWBOY SAHIB IN ITS MIDST--



FOREIGN DOG!  
I'LL...OW-WW!

BACK AND FORTH THE STRUGGLE RAGED, AND THEN, WITH AN EXPERT TOSS OF HIS LARIAT, COWBOY SAHIB ROPED A TREE STUMP THAT HAD BEEN SET ABLAZE...



NOW IF THE WIND WILL ONLY LEND A HAND, MEBBE THIS LITTLE IDEA WILL WORK!

THAT'S IT, RAJAH!  
DIG THEM HOOFS!



LOOK, MASTER!  
A WALL OF FIRE CUTS OFF OUR RETREAT!

AND THE WIND BLOWS THIS WAY!  
WE ARE TRAPPED!







YOU **MISLED** ME, DOG! YOU SAID THIS COWBOY SAHIB WAS A FOOL AND A COWARD! BUT HE IS BRAVE AND CLEVER!

OH--HH!



FOR A SHORT WHILE LONGER THE STRUGGLE CONTINUED! THEN...

WAIT, SAHIB! THEY WAVE THE **FLAG OF SURRENDER!**

**GOOD!** I RECKON WE GOT 'EM **CORRALED!**



ROUND 'EM UP, BOYS--PRONTO!

MERCY, COWBOY SAHIB! NEVER SHALL WE BEAR ARMS AGAINST YOU!

MERCY!



AS THE PRISONERS FILED PAST THE VICTORS--

I WILL DEAL WITH THESE JACKALS! IN MATTERS LIKE **THIS** I HAVE SKILLS YOU WILL **NEVER** POSSESS!

I DON'T **DOUBT** IT, RANI! THAT'S WHY I'M SHIPPING 'EM TO **LARIJUNA!**



SO YOU **STILL** OPPOSE ME! IT IS ON **YOUR** HEAD THAT WE ARE ENEMIES!

NOT **EXACTLY** ENEMIES, RANI! LET'S SAY **FRIENDLY** ENEMIES!

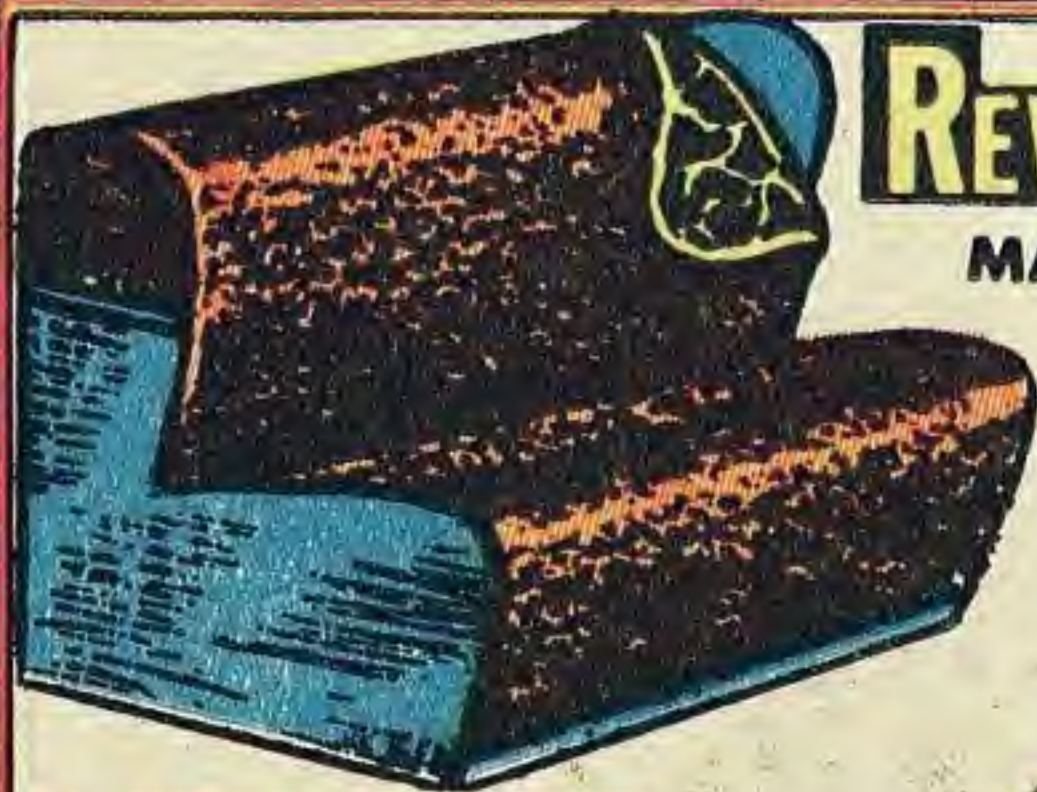


**ADIOS**, RANI-- I RECKON WE WON'T BE MEETIN' **AGAIN!**

THAT IS WHAT **HE** THINKS! BUT SOME DAY, SOMEWHERE-- **WE WILL MEET AGAIN!**

THERE'LL BE **MORE** BLAZING COWBOY SAHIB ACTION COMING YOUR WAY--IN OUR NEXT ISSUE! **DON'T MISS IT!**





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# ROUNDUP TIME

**T**OP O' THE MORNIN' tuh yuh, amigos! It's a warm, friendly sort of thing, having friends drop by—and what better time for it than *Roundup Time*—when the fans of "*Hooded Horseman*," that great comics magazine of the west, get together to talk shop! And here's an interesting subject for discussion: where are all the western fans coming from? What accounts for the great upsurge in interest in things having to do with the wide rangeland?

At first glance, the answer does not seem too obvious. The thing which put us on the trail was a remark let drop by old Pecos McGee, one of the few still-living pioneers who shot it out with the Injuns in those long-vanished days of the westward trek. "The west is changin'," said old Pecos. "I don't mean because o' trains, planes an' gas buggies—they're a nuisance, but thar's still plenty o' rangeland, if yuh savvy whar tuh look fer it! It's them tenderfeet! Time was when thar was always a few of 'em underfoot, good fer a laugh! But now—they're all gone, plumb disappeared!"

Seems remarkable, doesn't it—particularly since it's *true*! Yes, the tenderfoot is the real vanishing American. He's vanished on the crest of the wave of national interest in the mighty land that lies between the Missouri and the Golden Gate. People everywhere have become conscious of the strength, the raw power of fascination, the romance of the west. They have become aware that much of the glamor of our national tradition has arisen out of this great area. And so, as a people, we've turned to a study of the west. We've visited it, read about it, responded to it. How else to account for the vast popularity of the rodeo, for instance? How else to explain the upsurge of the "dude ranch" throughout the east? We might go so far as to say that out of all this, there is emerging a generation that can outride, outrope—yes, even outshoot the fabled old westerners, if it's target practice we're considering! And out of all this, also, has arisen a nationwide interest in magazines that are faithful to the true western tradition. This, we feel, accounts for the popularity of "*The Hooded Horseman*"!



IN THE DESPERATE ATMOSPHERE OF THE FLAMING FRONTIER, A THOUSAND DEATHLESS LEGENDS WERE BORN! AND YET, TRUTH HAS ALWAYS REMAINED STRANGER THAN FICTION-- AND WHAT BETTER PROOF OF THIS THAN THE INCREDIBLE EXPLOITS OF A MERE LAD WHOM ALL THE BLAZING WEST CAME TO KNOW AS--

# JOHNNY INJUN!

EE-YAA! EE-YAA!

RIDE--RIDE FOR YOUR LIVES!



THE SAGA BEGAN AMID THE SMOKING RUINS OF A WAGON TRAIN WIPED OUT BY APACHES! IT WAS **CHIEF RUNNING DEER**, THE KINDLY RULER OF THE PEACEFUL **PEIGANS**, WHO BY LUCKY CHANCE PASSED AND HEARD THE WAIL OF AN INFANT--

AND SO THE WHITE BABY WAS RAISED BY THE CHIEF HIMSELF, AND LIVED THE LIFE OF ANY OTHER INDIAN CHILD--

BUT VERY EARLY JOHNNY SHOWED SIGNS OF THE GREAT DESTINY WHICH WOULD BE HIS-- AS WHEN HE SINGLE-HANDEDLY KILLED A HUGE BEAR, AND WON THE COVETED PRIVILEGES OF A FULL **BRAVE**--

ITS PARENTS SOUGHT TO SAVE ITS LIFE BY HIDING IT HERE IN THE BUSHES--AND WE WILL NOT LEAVE IT TO DIE!



YOU HAVE MADE ME PROUD, MY SON--





NOT ONLY HIS FATHER, BUT THE WHOLE TRIBE HAD A SPECIAL CONFIDENCE IN JOHNNY! BUYING SALT IN THE NEARBY TOWN BECAME A ROUTINE TASK, AND THAT'S HOW ONE OF HIS MOST DARING ADVENTURES STARTED --

WHenever I SEE AN INJUN-- MUH **TRIGGER FINGER** GETS MIGHTY **ITCHY!** RECKON I'LL HAVE ME SOME FUN WITH THAT REDSKIN **THAR!**

TAKE IT **EASY**, AMIGO--UNLESS YUH'RE HANKERIN' TUH LOSE YORE SCALP! THAT'S-- **JOHNNY INJUN!**



SO? IT DON'T MEAN NOTHIN' TUH **ME!**

HIS FATHER'S THE PEIGAN **CHIEF**, PARD --AN' IF YUH MESSED ONE O' THE KID'S HA'RS THEY'D **SKIN** YUH **ALIVE!**



CASUAL WORDS, BUT THEY GAVE LUKE SLADE AN IDEA! A DESPERADO WITH A PRICE ON HIS HEAD, HE NEEDED MONEY-- **PRONTO!** HE NEEDED HIS TWO HENCHMEN FOR THIS JOB--AND KNEW JUST WHERE TO FIND THEM!

WE'RE GETTIN' MIGHTY LOW ON **DINERO**, BOSS!

AN' I KNOW JEST HOW TUH **GIT** SOME! LET'S MAKE **TRACKS!**



FOLLOWING LUKE'S LEAD THE TRIO RODE HARD TO A BLIND SPOT ON THE TRAIL OUT OF TOWN --

I DON'T SAVVY, BOSS! YUH FIXIN' TUH STOP A STAGE?

THAR'LL BE AN **INJUN** KID ALONG HERE ANY MINUTE! WE'RE STOPPIN' **HIM**--AN' I FIGURE HE'LL BE WORTH A LOT **MORE'N** A STAGE!



JOHNNY, HAVING COMPLETED HIS PURCHASE, WAS GALLOPING EASILY BACK TO THE PEIGAN VILLAGE WHEN--

WHAT THE--?

**GIT 'IM BOYS!**



THEY THOUGHT THE JOB WAS GOING TO BE EASY--BUT THEY SOON LEARNED HOW WRONG THEY WERE!

**POLECATS!** I'LL TEACH YUH TUH--

**UGH!**



WHEN THE BOY WAS FINALLY OVERWHELMED BY SHEER BRAWN--

MY FATHER-- **KILL** YOU FOR THIS!

**SHUT UP!** YORE PAW'S GOIN' TUH GIT UP LOTS O' **DINERO**--OR HE'LL NEVER SEE YUH **AGIN!**





THE CAPTIVE WAS TIED AND BLIND-FOLDED, SO THAT HE'D NEVER KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE OUTLAWS' SECRET HIDEOUT! BUT UNKNOWN TO THEM, HE WAS ALREADY LEAVING A CLUE FOR THE BRAVES HE KNEW WOULD SOON BE LOOKING FOR HIM-- HIS **BRACELET!**

BY MORNIN' THE PEIGANS SHOULD BE GOOD AN' WORRIED ABOUT THE KID-- AN' READY TUH TALK **BUSINESS!** OKAY, AMIGOS--LET'S GIT!



JOHNNY'S CUNNING MIND WORKED AT LIGHTNING SPEED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO **MARK THE TRAIL!** THEN, REMEMBERING THE BAGS OF SALT--

MAKE HOLE WITH LITTLE FINGER! DROP LITTLE SALT ALONG WAY--MAKE EASY TRAIL FOR RUNNING DEER!



AFTER A LONG RIDE --

THAR'S THE CANYON ENTRANCE! WHEN WE GET TUH THE HIDEOUT WE KIN SHOOT ONE O' THESE BUFFALO FER FRESH MEAT TONIGHT! MIGHTY BIG HERD!

MUST REMEMBER-- BIG HERD BUFFALO NEAR CANYON ENTRANCE!



IT WAS A LONG, NARROW CANYON, WITH SHEER WALLS ON ALL SIDES! AT ITS END --

THAR SHE IS -- BEST HIDEOUT IN THE WEST! ENOUGH AMMO AN' SALTED MEAT IN THE CAVE TUH HOLD OFF AN ARMY FER MONTHS! JIGGER, YUH BETTER STAY DOWN HERE ON GUARD WITH THE HORSES FER THE NIGHT-- JEST IN CASE!



WHEN I'M UP PUT THE ROPE UNDER THE KID'S ARMS AN' I'LL PULL 'IM UP!

LUKE, YUH'RE SHORE A SMART CUSS! THIS WAY THERE AIN'T NO WAY O' THE KID TELLIN' ABOUT THIS HIDEOUT! WE'LL BE ABLE TUH USE IT AGIN!



IT WAS A TRICKY BUSINESS, BUT IT WENT WITHOUT MISHAP--



INSIDE THE CAVE THE BOY'S BLINDFOLD WAS REMOVED--

RECKON WE BETTER CHOW UP AN' GIT SOME SLEEP! I'LL HEAD FER THE PEIGAN VILLAGE AT DAWN TUH POWWOW WITH RUNNIN' DEER-- TAKIN' ALONG THE KID'S HEAD DRESS FER PROOF!

NO SENSE TAKING **CHANCES** WITH THIS ORNERY CUSS! BETTER KEEP 'IM TIED UP ALL NIGHT!



THERE WAS BUT ONE THOUGHT ON JOHNNY INJUN'S MIND-- **ESCAPE!** NO SOONER WERE HIS TWO CAPTORS ASLEEP THAN --

SHARP STONE MAKE QUICK WORK OF ROPE -- BUT **WHAT THEN?**





**BUT MANY HOURS BEFORE, IN THE PEIGAN VILLAGE, CHIEF RUNNING DEER HAD BECOME VERY WORRIED--**

JOHNNY NEVER LATE FROM TOWN BEFORE! MAYBE HE HAVE ACCIDENT ON TRAIL--BETTER GO LOOK!

MAYBE HIM HAVE TROUBLE IN TOWN!



**BUT IN TOWN, STUNNING NEWS!**

WHY SHORE-- JOHNNY LEFT HERE **HOURS** AGO!

AND WE NO SEE HIM ON TRAIL **COMING** HERE! COME, MY BRAVES-- WE MUST **RIDE!**



**GALLOPING AT TOP SPEED BACK OVER THE TRAIL, THE INDIANS SCRUTINIZED EVERY INCH OF THE GROUND FLYING BY, UNTIL--**

**LOOK! JOHNNY'S BRACELET! TRACKS OF MANY HORSES-- SIGNS OF STRUGGLE!**

AND HERE THIN LINE OF **SALT!** BOY MARKING TRAIL FOR US!



**PAINSTAKINGLY, THE INDIAN PARTY FOLLOWED THE TINY PARTICLES WITH ALL SPEED! BUT ALREADY THE LIGHT WAS FAILING, MAKING THE TASK ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE--**

ALMOST NO CAN **SEE** SALT! GET DARK SOON!

WE GO ON TILL NO CAN SEE **ANY-THING!** THEN WE CAMP AND WAIT TILL FIRST LIGHT! BOY IN **BAD TROUBLE!**



**TOWARDS** MIDNIGHT JOHNNY AT LAST SAWED HIMSELF FREE OF HIS BONDS! TIP-TOEING AMONG THE SLEEPING KILLERS TO THE EDGE OF THE CAVE--

TOO SHEER FOR CLIMBING DOWN-- ANYHOW, WHITE MAN ON GUARD BELOW! MUST TRY **UP--** NO OTHER WAY!



**IT WAS A DESPERATE CHANCE-- WITH DEATH YAWNING BELOW! HIS LIFE HUNG BY HIS FINGERNAILS AND THE SCRUBBY GROWTHS WHICH CLUNG FROM THE CLIFF WALLS--**

**BUT BOUNDLESS COURAGE AND WIRY MUSCLES WON OUT! AND YET, DESPITE THE HARROWING ORDEAL, THERE COULD BE ONLY A MOMENT'S REST--**

**HE KNEW THERE WERE DANGERS GALORE ON THE NIGHT-SHROUDED PRAIRIE, WHERE COUGAR AND COYOTES AWAITED PREY, BUT IN HIS HEART BURNED DETERMINATION--**

ARMS-- **WEARY!** BUT MUST GO ON-- **ON--**

MUST GET BACK TO VILLAGE-- GET RUNNING DEER AND BRAVES! LUCKY STAR SHINE BRIGHT-- GIVE ME DIRECTION--





MEANWHILE, WHERE RUNNING DEER AND HIS BRAVES HAD GRIMLY CAMPED FOR THE NIGHT--

WIND RISING, RUNNING DEER! THERE BE NO MORE SALT FOR TRAIL IN MORNING!

SHH! SOMETHING COMING FAST-- FOOT- STEPS! GET ON GUARD-- QUICK!

IN THE DARKNESS IT WAS ALMOST A TRAGEDY--AS THE JUMPY INDIANS ANTICIPATED AN ENEMY AND STRUCK--

WAIT! THAT JOHNNY!

IN A TRICE HE HAD TOLD THE WHOLE STORY, AND DESCRIBED THE HIDEOUT! THEN--

ME KNOW CANYON WELL! CAN GET THERE SOON BEFORE DAWN! COME, MY BRAVES-- WE RIDE FOR VENGEANCE!

NOT BE EASY, FATHER! WHITE MEN HAVE RIFLES-- HOW WE CAPTURE THEM? WAIT-- ME HAVE IDEA!



AS THEY GALLOPED BACK TO THE CANYON, JOHNNY EXPLAINED THE PLAN WHICH HAD TAKEN ROOT IN HIS MIND! RUNNING DEER LISTENED CAREFULLY, WEIGHING THE DETAILS OVER AND OVER AGAIN! THEN--

WE HERE! DAWN COME SOON! WHAT YOU THINK, FATHER?

MY SON HAS REASONED WELL! COME, WE GET IN POSITION BEHIND THE BUFFALO HERD!



BLACKIE WAS THE FIRST TO ARISE WHEN THE FIRST BEAMS OF SUNLIGHT PENETRATED THE CAVE, AND IN A MOMENT THE OUTLAWS HAD LEARNED THE WORST!

I TELL YUH THE KID DIDN'T GET BY HERE! WHAT DO YUH MEAN HE'S ESCAPED?

THE BOY MUST HAVE BILLYGOAT BLOOD IN HIM-- 'CAUSE UP THAR'S THE ONLY WAY HE COULDA GONE! C'MON, WE BETTER HIGHTAIL IT PRONTO-- SURE AS SHOOTIN' THAR'LL BE INJUNS HERE SOON ITCHIN' TUH LIFT OUR SCALPS!



IT WAS EXACTLY AS JOHNNY HAD FIGURED! AS SOON AS THE WHITES LEFT THE CAVE AND SPURRED THEIR HORSES FURIOUSLY TOWARDS THE SINGLE EXIT FROM THE CANYON, THE POSTED LOOKOUT SIGNALLED--

WHITES APPROACH EXIT, FATHER! TIME TO MAKE STAMPEDE!

EE-YA! YIP! YIP!



THE PEACEFULLY GRAZING HERD TERRIFIED BY THE SUDDEN SHRIEKS, BOLTED--DIRECTLY INTO THE PATH OF THE ONCOMING WHITES!

YAA! YAA! YIP!





--AND IN AN INSTANT, THE PATH WAS SEALED!

SIMMERIN' SASSAFRAS!  
IT'S A-- STAMPEDE!

BACK TUH THE  
CAVE! IT'S OUR  
ONLY CHANCE!



THEM CRITTURS  
IS GAININ'! WE'LL  
BE MASHED  
TUH PULP!

IF WE KIN MAKE THAT  
PATCH O' HIGH GROUND--  
WE'RE SAFE! BUT WE  
GOT TUH GET INTUH THE  
CAVE! WITH THE AMMO AN'  
CHOW WE KIN HOLE UP TILL  
KINGDOM COME!



BUT THE OUTLAWS' INTENTIONS HAD  
BEEN ANTICIPATED! AS SOON AS  
THE STAMPEDE WAS UNDER WAY--

UP TO THE RIM OF THE  
CANYON! QUICK--FOLLOW  
US! GET BOW AND ARROWS  
READY!



IN THE NICK OF TIME, THE  
DESPERADOES REACHED THE  
SAFETY OF THE HIGH GROUND--

MADE IT! WE'LL HAVE TUH  
ABANDON THE HORSES TUH  
THE SKULKIN' REDSKINS--  
BUT AS SOON AS WE'RE IN  
THE CAVE WE KIN BLAST THE  
HEAD OFF ANY INJUN IN  
SIGHT!

C'MON, BOSS--  
HURRY! NO TELLIN'  
WHERE THEM INJUNS  
ARE AT NOW!



FROM A POINT AT THE RIM OF  
THE CLIFF JOHNNY WAITED TILL  
THE FRANTIC OUTLAWS HAD  
SCAMPERED A LITTLE WAY UP  
THE TAUT ROPE! THEN--

BLAZES! THE  
ROPE'S CUT!



DON'T REACH FOR  
YOUR GUNS, JACKALS  
--OR MY BRAVES WILL  
SHOOT STRAIGHT!  
CLIMB UP THIS ROPE--  
NO TRICKS!

YUH--YUH  
GOT US,  
KID! WE'RE  
COMIN'--  
TAKE IT  
EASY!

As  
THEY  
CRASHED  
BACK  
TO EARTH  
THE  
INDIANS  
LOOSED  
A HAIL  
OF  
ARROWS  
CLOSE BY,  
WHILE  
JOHNNY  
LOWERED  
A ROPE--



ONE HOUR LATER--

YUH DON'T DARE  
HARM A WHITE  
MAN! REMEMBER,  
THE FEDERAL  
TROOPS--

SILENCE, FOOL--WE  
ARE TAKING YOU TO  
THEM! DID YOU NOT  
KNOW THAT THE PEIGANS  
LIVE IN PEACE WITH  
THEIR WHITE BROTHERS?



AND SO IT WAS THAT ANOTHER CHAPTER WAS  
ADDED TO THE GROWING LEGEND OF THE LAD  
THEY CALLED-- JOHNNY INJUN! THERE'LL  
BE MORE OF HIS ADVENTURES COMING  
YOUR WAY IN THIS MAGAZINE, SO DON'T  
MISS THEM!

The End



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WELL, MEN, ISN'T THERE **ANYONE** WHO'LL VOLUNTEER? IT'S 150 MILES FROM OUR POSITION IN THE BLACK HILLS TO FORT LARAMIE, AND WE MUST GET A MESSAGE THROUGH! BUT SINCE EVERY INCH OF THE GROUND WILL BE WATCHED BY THE SIOUX, I DON'T WANT TO **ORDER** ANYONE TO GO WHO'S AFRAID!

RELAX, GENERAL! **I'LL GO!**



BUT, CHARLEY, THIS IS A **SOLDIER'S JOB** -- AND YOU'RE JUST A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT! I **MIGHT** CONSIDER SENDING YOU, BUT ONLY IF YOU TAKE A DETAIL OF SOLDIERS WITH YOU!

THE MORE MEN, THE MORE DANGER O' DISCOVERY! **I'LL GO ALONE!**



**TRAVELING BY NIGHT, CHARLEY REYNOLDS BEGAN THE LONG JOURNEY THROUGH AN UNKNOWN COUNTRY BRISTLING WITH HOSTILE REDSKINS!**

CAN'T GO TWO MILES WITHOUT PASSING SOME SIOUX CAMP! ONE WHINNY OUT OF YOU, HOSS, AN' FIVE HUNDRED TOMAHAWKS WILL BE COMIN' MY WAY!



**BUT CHARLEY COULDN'T KEEP OUT OF SIGHT ALL THE TIME -- SO FOR THREE DAYS HE OUTRODE, OUTFOUGHT, AND OUTMANEUVERED COUNTLESS SCALP-HUNTING INDIANS!**

IF I CAN JUST MAKE IT TO THAT BEND IN THE GORGE, I'LL DOUBLE UP ON MY TRACKS AN' LEAVE 'EM CHASIN' THIN AIR!



**AND AT SUN-UP OF THE FOURTH DAY, CHARLEY APPEARED AT THE GATES OF LARAMIE, HIS THROAT AND TONGUE SWOLLEN TO SUCH AN EXTENT FROM THE INTENSE HEAT AND LACK OF WATER THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO SPEAK A WORD!**

**BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE TO-- FOR HE HAD DELIVERED CUSTER'S DISPATCH BY MEANS OF DEEDS THAT SPOKE FAR MORE ELOQUENTLY THAN WORDS EVER COULD!**

OPEN THE GATES -- IT LOOKS LIKE CUSTER'S SCOUT! **HOW IN TARNATION DID HE GET THROUGH?**



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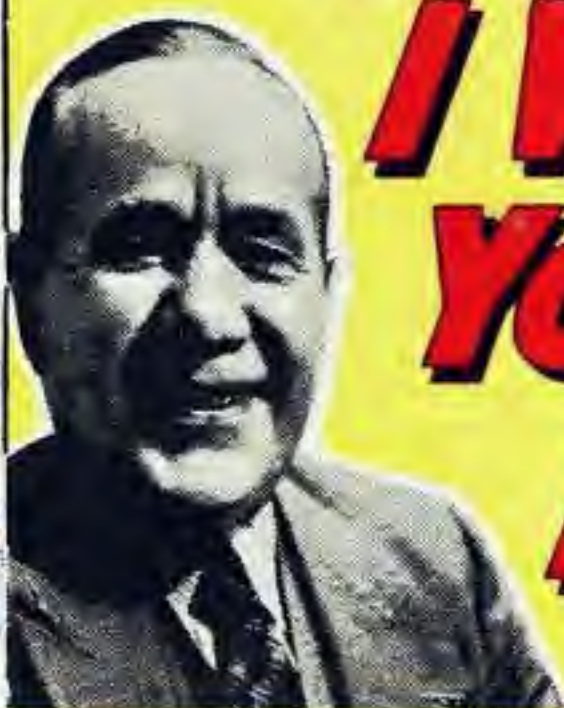
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